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A Soviet student triumphantly squelched the arguments of a French student at the Helsinki Youth Festival this summer with this rejoinder:

"If things are as good as you say they are in West Germany, why do the West German police have to shoot down the people trying to escape to Communist East Germany!"

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MEMORANDUM TO:

SUBJECT: Proposed Article on Soviet Foreign Aid Blunders by
Reader's Digest

1. Reader's Digest is toying with the idea of printing an article on Soviet Foreign aid blunders. They have been collecting data and are not sure that they have enough to show that the Soviet are not ten feet tall and in many cases that they are not very bright. Should we have any data we would like to make available to them on this subject, they would be pleased to receive it.

2. Will you determine if there is any interest in our furnishing them with unclassified data?

3. I do not believe we should assist them.

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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said he can assist.

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